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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) issued the following statement in response to tonight's address by the president on health care reform.

"I was glad to hear the president speak tonight about the importance of providing security and stability to families by improving our American health care system.

"Over the summer, I've been on a listening tour to hear the ideas and thoughts of my constituents on health care reform. I've met with families, seniors, doctors, nurses, small business owners, and veterans and toured health care facilities throughout our area. I've heard from many people who want the stability of affordable health coverage but also have important questions about what current proposals will mean for them.

"Health care costs continue to increase at an alarming rate, placing too great a burden on our families and small businesses. Fiscally responsible reform will reduce costs, improve quality of care, provide security for our families and is critical to our country's long-term economic future.

“As the discussion continues on health care reform, I’m going to consider all the input I’ve received over the past months, keep listening to people’s thoughts and ideas, and work to find uniquely American solutions to the health care system.”